



## Bench Notes

# Friends of Maury County Parks

## Summer 2011 Newsletter

### See You In the Park!

**First Farmers &  
Merchants Train Stop  
Storytelling Festival**

**Maury County History  
Fair (May 7) - a BIG  
Success!**

**Park After Dark – a 4<sup>th</sup>  
to look forward to!**

**Mid-South Live  
Steamers –  
“the little trains”**

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## First Farmers & Merchants Train Stop Storytelling Festival

The Ninth-Annual First Farmers & Merchants Train Stop Storytelling Festival will have something for everyone. Professional storyteller, Kevin Cordi, will be a featured performer. Several local tellers will also be on hand.

Runaway Freight will delight all ages and bluegrass fans with their stories through song and the Mid-South Live Steamers will provide train rides for the young and young at heart. The festival will begin on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

from 10am to 2pm with an additional telling on Friday evening. Saturday's festivities will begin at 10am and will go through 2pm. This is a *free* event, so come to Maury County Park and join the fun!

## Maury County History Fair – May 7<sup>th</sup>

The first-ever Maury County History Fair was a big success! Attendees enjoyed live performances, demonstrations, and historical encampments. People could even try their hand at throwing a tomahawk or writing with a quill. There was no shortage of things to see or do!



## Park After Dark – The Fireworks Show Will Go On!

A big “Thanks” to all the wonderful sponsors who stepped up to allow the annual fireworks show to go on! Special thanks to our largest donors IAFF Local 4381 and Ascend Credit Union for their generosity!

## Mid-South Live Steamers – “the little trains”

One of the Parks most beloved and recognizable community partners is the Mid-South Live Steamers organization. The miniature trains are a huge draw to our park, and epitomize the kind of relationship we strive to have with our partners and our community!

Many people fondly remember bringing their children and grandchildren to Maury County Park on the days the trains are here, but most don't know the level of commitment the organization has to their craft. I was surprised to learn that there are several different ways an engine can be powered – propane gas, diesel gas, electricity and even compressed air!



George Towne, who is 90 years old, is the driver featured in the picture to the left. He built his Columbia engine (also pictured) and continues to enjoy his hobby and the meets at Maury County Park. Maury County is lucky to have them! Anyone interested in learning more may go to their website: [www.midsouthlivesteamers.org](http://www.midsouthlivesteamers.org).

## Calendar of Events

### May 21 – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tony Scott Memorial Softball Tournament - Maury County Park

Softball tournament in memory of former Maury County Parks & Recreation Director, Tony Scott, with proceeds to be used to complete Tony's Trail, an ADA-accessible trail in Maury County Park. Entry fee is \$190.00 per team. For more information, contact Hueston Marshall at (931) 381-0922.

### June 6 – 10<sup>th</sup> – Girl Scout Day Camp "Forever Green" - Chickasaw Trace Park

Girls entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades can register to participate in crafts, games, songs, nature activities and more! Camp hours are 8:30 am – 3pm. For more information, contact Amarie Hundley at (931) 446-1541 or pick up a registration form at the Parks Office at 1018 Maury County Park Drive.

### June 6 – 17<sup>th</sup> – Baseball/Softball Camp - Maury County Park

Kids ages six (6) through twelve (12) can sign up for the baseball or softball camp. For more information, contact Rex Slatton at (931) 215-8959.

### June 10 – 11<sup>th</sup> – First Farmers & Merchants Train Stop Storytelling Festival - Maury County Park

Friday and Saturday from 10am-2pm as well as on Friday evening, storytellers will sing, dance and tell their way into your heart! Free Admission! Ride the trains! For more information, contact Sonjalyn Dickson Rine at (931) 375-6103 or [srine@maurycounty-tn.gov](mailto:srine@maurycounty-tn.gov).

### June 11 – 18<sup>th</sup> – Duck River District Cub Scout Day Camp - Chickasaw Trace Park

Boys entering grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> may register for Cub Scout day camp to participate in archery, BB guns, horseback riding, nature activities and fun crafts and games. For more information, log onto [www.mtcbsa.org](http://www.mtcbsa.org) or contact Allen Crawford at (931) 286-3902.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> – Park After Dark – Maury County Park

A free family event with lots of fun, picnicking and a fantastic FIREWORKS display! For more information, contact Sonjalyn Dickson Rine at (931) 375-6103.

### July 15 – 16<sup>th</sup> – Maury County Sherriff's Rodeo - Maury County Park

Yee-haw! Come out to the park for down-home family fun at the Maury County Sherriff's Rodeo. All proceeds go to the Maury County Association of School Resource Officers and the Maury County Reserve Officers Association. For more information, log onto [www.maurysheriffsrodeo.com](http://www.maurysheriffsrodeo.com). Advance tickets available. At gate, Adults \$12.00, Children 13+ \$10.00, Children 12 and under – Free! Gates open at 6pm. Giveaways! Free Pony Rides! Petting Zoo!

### August 6<sup>th</sup> – Classics in the Park - Williams Spring Park

Want to know what a 1940 Buick Roadmaster looks like? Come to the fourth-annual Classics in the Park to see classic cars from the 1920's on. Registration for over 40 classes is from 8am-12pm. Awards will be given out at 3pm. For more information, contact J.R. Roberts at (931) 446-2385.

### August 23 – 28<sup>th</sup> – Maury County Fair - Maury County Park

Come one, come all to the 2011 Maury County Fair! There's nothing better than cotton candy and fried dough on a hot summer night. Be sure to ride all the rides, eat all the delicious food, and see all the shows! Enter the Fairest of the Fair Contest or watch the exciting Motor Cross races. For more information, contact Don Morrow at (931) 446-2901 or [dmorrow2@charter.net](mailto:dmorrow2@charter.net).

### Other Events Open to the Public at Maury County Park:

#### Maury County Bridle & Saddle Club Horse Shows

June 11<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>

Contact: Ricky Strain-Smith (931) 212-2639

#### Spring Jubilee Walking Horse Show

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Contact: Ronald Morton (931) 698-1885

#### 4-H South Central Livestock Show

June 4<sup>th</sup>

Contact: Richard Groce (931) 375-5302

### To reserve a pavilion:

Call (931) 375-6102 for availability, and then come to the Parks Office located at 1018 Maury County Park Drive with the \$30.00 reservation fee (cash or check only).



The Bridle & Saddle Pavilion at MCP